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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by a Society of GENTLEMAN.

From **Wedneſday** January 11th. to **Friday** January 13th. 1710.

Q. GEntlemen, *You are deſired to give us the Reaſon of that Law mention'd in the* 13*th Chap. of* Leviticus, *which adjudged thoſe who were totally overſpread with the Leproſy clean, but thoſe in whom it appear'd but in one or few Spots Unclean.*

A. Thoſe that undertake to explain theſe Matters aſſign

1. This Reaſon for that Ordinance, that when this Diſtemper appear'd only in ſome one part of the Body it diſcover'd the Malignity of the ill Humor that lurk'd within and with all the Inability of Nature to expell it; but when it overſpread the whole Body it manifeſted the Malignity of the Plague to be not great, and what was of it, to be conquer'd and purg'd out by the ſtrength of Nature. And this they explain by a Similitude, for as Rivers, ſay they, when confin'd within a narrow courſe are deep and rapid, do eat away and undermine the Banks, but when enlarg'd do glide away in Unmoleſted Streams; ſo this Diſeaſe, when of a Malignant Kind, it pens up it ſelf, and ſo eats down into the very Bones and Marrow; but when of a more favorable one, it diffuſes and loſes it ſelf, is rather a Scurff than a form'd Leproſy, and therefore eſcapes the Shame and Cenſure of the Law. And hence,

2. Some Figurative interpreters have not unhappily devis'd another Analogical Reaſon of this Law. The Sin of the Soul, ſay they, is not unfitly repreſented by the Leproſy of the Body. When therefore God ordain'd that the Spreading Leproſy ſhould be pronounc'd Clean and the Spotted One Unclean, He was minded under that Emblem to inform Mankind what Notions they ought to have of Sins of Infirmity and Sins of Preſumption. The former are pitiable and excuſeable what Human Nature is overſpread with, and what it's Inſeparable Infirmities render the beſt of Men liable to; but the latter, tho' but few, tho' but one, yet, if a heinous nature, wounds deeper and contributes more to the Sickneſs and Danger of the Soul, than the daily, hourly Failings, in point of Strict Duty conſequent upon the weakneſs of Human Nature.

Q. *Je vous prie Meſſieurs d'auoir la bonté de me dire pourquoy les Papiſts dans la Communion ne donne point le vin auec le pain Vortre Reſponce m'obligere ſenſiblemeur.*

A. Céſt pour appuyer leur Doctrine de la Concomitance, ſur la quelle eſt fondeé [illegible] chere Diane, céſt a dire, leur Doctrine de Tranſubſtantiation.

Q. *Why do not the* Papiſts *give the Wine as well as the Bread in the Holy Sacrament?*

A. To Countinance their Doctrine of Concomitance, on which is built their beloved *Diana*, their Doctrine of Tranſubſtantiation.

Q. Gentlemen, *I deſire you'd give a Candid and Impartial Anſwer to the following Caſe. Suppoſe a Young Man bred to a Creditable Trade, and beginning the World with a Competent Eſtate, and a Proſpect of improving it conſiderably, becomes acquainted with a young Lady of a ſuitable Fortune, and by his agreable Converſation and Behaviour gains her Liking and Good Will, and the Approbation of her Relations ſo far, that they imagin he'd prove a Good Husband for her, and tho' he has not poſitively addreſs'd to her for Marriage, only expreſs'd an Eſteem and Inclination for her, yet the Acquaintance continuing, they ſeem to depend on each other.*

Query, Whether this Perſon afterward meeting with ſuch Loſſes and Diſappointments, that he thinks he can't Maintain a Wife of her Fortune with Reputation, may not juſtly and honourably Suſpend all further Addreſſes while under thoſe Circumſtances, and leave her at liberty to mend her ſelf if She can; ſince if He ſhou'd Marry her then, all the Happineſs they can enjoy in each other will ſcarce, in all Probability, ballance the Troubles they may be involv'd in as Times are at preſent, and that her Dependance on him is very Precarious, thro' the uncertainty of his mending his Condition. This Matter being of Importance, I hope, Gentlemen, you'll oblige Your Subſcriber and Well-wiſher with a ſpeedy Anſwer.

A. Since no ſolemn Contract has paſs'd between the Perſons he may not only lawfully decline his Suit on the Conſiderations mention'd, but it is alſo his Duty ſo to do; nay, and he ſhews the nobleſt Proof of his Affections thereby: Yet, tho' no Contract Obligatory has paſs'd, if he has by his Deportment given the Lady reaſon to believe that he

real in his Pretenſions, and She in Conſideration thereof has plac'd hers upon him, he is bound in Honor to addreſs no other 'till She is firſt Marry'd, before which, if his Circumſtances alter for the better, he ſtands oblig'd to renew his Addreſſes.

Q. *Why is it that there is ſome People at fifty Years of Age ſhall have ſome Teeth grow, and others whole Sets, which is Certain?*

A. We have in ſome of our former Papers accounted for the growing of a new Set of Teeth, of People who had lived to the Age of near a hundred and twenty Years, of which we have related ſeveral Inſtances, but we had not heard yet of any who have had ſuch a thing happen'd to them at fifty. However it may be accounted for the ſame way, *viz.* by ſuppoſing that in the Sockets of the Jaw-bones there are contain'd the Seeds or Buds of two or three Sets of Teeth, which may require more or leſs time to be brought to Maturity and Perfection, according to Peoples various Tempers and Conſtitutions.

Q. Gentlemen, *Be pleas'd to tell me under what Names did the ſubſequent Men go under, whether Anabaptiſts, or what, Dr.* O. *Mr.* G. &c. *The Solution will be highly obliging to your Humble Servant,* &c.

A. None of them were *Anabaptiſts*, but ſome of them went under the Name of *Preſbyterians*, the others of *Independants.*

Q. Gentlemen, *Your Opinion is Earneſtly deſired concerning one that went to Viſit a Gentlewoman after her Lying-In, and found her nurſing her own Child, and he ſeeing ſuch a fine Breaſt and Nipple deſired to Kiſs the Nipple, whether you ſuppoſe he might get any Harm thereby, he being a Modeſt Man and concerned no other ways with her, and being out of order ever ſince, and full of Thoughts about it. Your ſpeedy Anſwer will highly oblige Yours,* H. G.

A. In a former Paper we gave Reaſons, why it might be poſſible for a Man to be injur'd by kiſſing a Woman's Mouth when diſtemper'd in a very virulent manner, but cannot conceive how a *bare* Kiſs of the Nipple can affect him.

Q. Sirs, *I deſire to know whether you Anſwer all Queſtions that are ſent you, and whether you receiv'd a Letter Sign'd* Tho. T——m——n. *Your ſpeedy Anſwer will oblige Your Subſcriber,* R. B.

A. We do and ſhall anſwer all Queſtions worthy of Solution, ſo far as will come within the Compaſs of our Papers, but remember not that we receiv'd any ſign'd as above.

Q. *I Courted a Young Gentlewoman very Beautiful, but of a mean Fortune, my Friends were againſt it,* &c. *At length I got their Conſent, on Condition I ſtay two Years before I Marry her. The Queſtion is, whether you adviſe me to exerciſe my Patience to ſtay ſo long, my Friends being of a very fickle Temper.*

A. Your Letter was too long to inſert it all. We ſuppoſe you mean your *Parents* by Your *Friends*, then it will not only be Prudence to exerciſe your Patience, but alſo your Duty: Nor need their Fickle Temper diſcourage your Hopes, ſince as they may change their Minds before that time, ſo that Fickleneſs may encline them to rechange, then 'twill be but watching how the Wind veers and coming to an Anchor when it ſerves for the Haven.

Q. Gentlemen, *What Book wou'd you adviſe me to buy, to give me a true Taſte in Poetry?*

A. Dr. Coward's Licentia Poetica by all means.

Q. *Whether you can freely think it a wiſe Courſe for a Young Woman to Marry one that She really loves for his good Qualities,* viz. *Religion and Meekneſs,* &c. *She being fully ſatisfy'd that his Love is not inferior to hers. But the Objection that her Friends make uſe of, is, that he cannot anſwer her Birth and Portion; becauſe She has an Eſtate in her own hands fit to match a Man of Eſtate, he owns that he is not worthy of ſuch a Thought. The Young Gentlewoman is reſolved upon your Direction, notwithſtanding what others may object.*

A. If the Young Lady's Fortune be ſufficient for both their Subſiſtance, it will not only be a Noble and Generous Action in her, but alſo the wiſeſt Courſe She can take to give her a Proſpect of Future Felicity, ſince it will add the ſtrongeſt Tye to his Affections, *viz* that of *Gratitude.*

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray how much Money will you allow a Gentlewoman a Week, to find moderate Eating, Drinking and Waſhing, for ſix or ſeven in Family.*

A. The Common Conſideration has been 16 *s. per* Head, one with another, Servants and all, which now Bread is ſo dear (with Waſhing alſo Included) as well deſerves 12 *s. per* Head. But no juſt Calculation can be made, without knowing what Rent, what Furniture, what Servants, &c.

Q. Gentlemen, *The other night I ſaw ſome Perſons playing at* Hot-Cockles (*tho' by the way I ſee no Reaſon for the Name*) *and I obſerved they were all eager to ſtrike, but loth to be ſtruck. Now, as it is but hand againſt hand, I don't ſee the reaſon why he that gives the blow ſhould feel leſs Pain than he that receives it. If you try the Matter of Fact heartily among your ſelves, you will be able to ſpeak more feelingly, and all the World will allow you to be a* Smart *Society.*

A. Expectation often doubles the Pain, and he that lies down is always under apprehenſion of the ſtrongeſt Striker: alſo the Hand of the firſt lies firm, that of the ſecond gives way, whence the Pain is more immediately reliev'd. Without Experience of the Matter of Fact we can anſwer *Smarter* Things than theſe, if our Author's Capacity can extend to the drawing up a *Smarter* Query.

Q. Gentlemen, *Be pleas'd to give your Opinion of the new* Atlantis *both Volumes, and if you think it was writ by a Woman as ſome conclude, which will oblige Your Humble Servant,* Ariana.

A. They were doubtleſs writ by a Woman, and in a Style would not reflect on a Man for being Author of them. As for the Subject Matter, we think not fit to ſay any thing to it.

POEMS.

Q. *LOVE and Attractive Wealth Diſturb my Reſt,*
And with Alternate Sway Rule in my Breaſt.
In Myra's *Lovely Form and Vertuous Mind,*
All that is Charming, Good and Chaſte, I find,
But Oh! She wants what doth the World controul,
That great Magnetick all ſubduing Gold.
The Man (ſo Mercenary is the Age)
That weds a Maid of Noble Parentage,
Pious and Modeſt, Beauteous, Juſt and Kind,
And bleſt with every Grace of Form and Mind,
Shall branded be, as Stupid, Fond, Unwiſe,
And for his Generous Choice by all deſpis'd:
Whilſt the true Miſer, who for Curſed Gold,
Weds the reverſe of Prudent Myra's *Soul,*
Shall be applauded; tho' was it but known,
Perhaps the Wretch with ſecret Anguiſh groans.
For where no Harmony, or Mutual Love,
Ardent Incitements for each other move,
Wealth won't create Content, but conſtant Care,
Secret Averſion and Inteſtine Jars
Diſturb their ſofteſt hours. Like Ætna's Top,
Florid, but pregnant with ſulphurous Smoke;

But

But where True Love, not Interest, joys the Minds,
Where both submit, and neither urge Commands;
There all their Time revolve Serene and Calm,
Like Vernal Spring reviving, kindly Warm,
Whose fragrant Bloom the raviſh'd Senſes Charm.
Theſe are the Notions which my Soul conceives
Of that Unalterable State, which gives
Sure Woe, or true Delight. My longing heart
With ſome Impatience begs You would impart
Mature Advice, that the World may approve
My Prudent Conduct in the Affairs of Love.

A. What! Wealth, ſhall Impious Wealth with (Love Contend?
Shall Sordid Gold ſo pure a Paſſion Rend?
No, no, ſuch Mean Inglorious Thoughts repel;
Let *Mira's* Vertues in your Boſom dwell.
Rally her Charms and bravely claim the Field,
And let Imperious Fortune baſely Yeild.
Whilſt wiſer Coxcombs to their Bags are Tools,
And as they Riches wed are Prickt for Fools:
So will the Joys of Wedlock laſting prove,
When the Triumphant Pair tend to one Center, (*Love.*

Q. Gentlemen, *Tho' I won't pretend to tempt you to anſwer the ſubſequent Query by engaging to ſend you in a Hamper of Wine, or a Collar of Brawn, according to the laudable Examples of ſome of your Queriſts, who are Rich in Promiſes, but Beggars in the Performance; yet, if you'll oblige me with the Original of the Proverb of* Robbing Peter to pay Paul, *I ſhall endeavour not to be Ingrateful. And as a Proof of the Sincerity of my Pretenſions, I beg leave to condole with you in the following Lines on the late loſs of one of your Boys.*

What! another Boy gone and mov'd off with your Pelf, (*Sir,*
Why ſurely at this rate you muſt rub off your ſelf, Sir,
What ſad times are theſe when no favors can tye us,
But Apollo *himſelf is deceiv'd by* Tobias;
That Varlet who merits Promætheus *his Doom,*
For Droſs-intercepting of the Great God of Wiſdom.
Unſuſpecting Subſcribers depoſited Rino,
Nor Imp who receiv'd it imagin'd ſo ſly, no.
The Delians *long Bag lay expecting the Caſh, Sir,*
But Boys diſappearing His Hopes did ſoon quaſh, Sir.
Then Weep all Ye Queriſts who of Tears have good (*ſtore,*
For Oh! Mine are drain'd, and I can ſhed no more.

A. No, no, Sir, we muſt not ſee our Queriſts ſo reflected upon neither. The Wine, Brawn, Potted-Veniſon, &c. came. 'Tis true, the Great Cheeſe never made it's Perſonal Appearance, but perhaps 'tis reſerv'd for a Groaning Cheeſe againſt the Birth of a Young *Apollo*, or ſome ſuch Maggot, for the Promiſer is a *Maggot-monger* by Trade. But mark the Conſequence of his Non-performance; either you will find him ſoon (like a Firking of his own Butter in the Dog-days) melting away to Contemptible Offal, by the Beams of his Miſtreſs's Eyes; or She her ſelf prove no Surgeon's Daughter, but ſome crack'd piece of Ware, that lies at the Surgeons for new Soddering, againſt Spring is over; tho' we confeſs it will be ſome Mitigation to ſuch Misfortune to find ſo many of his Neighbour Cuckolds to keep his *Brave's* Exaltation in Countinance. But our kind *Condoler*, is this your own *Generoſity*, whilſt you impeach the Deficiency of others *To Rob Peter to pay Paul* (formerly ſolv'd by us) no, let *Peter* keep his own, *You* your *Honeſty*, and *Paul* ſhift for himſelf, as *Apollo* knows how to do, though all his *Mercuries* march off.

Shall *Apollo* rub off for a little Vile Treaſure,
When He by his Beams can *Create* it at *Pleaſure*?
He *Writes* not for *Money*, but *Honor* and *Fame*,
So nothing can loſe while he keeps his *Good Name*;
Nor can the Boy boaſt, what *APOLLO* it coſt,
Since He more in loſing his *Honeſty*, Loſt.
But what more Affects us than this, you ſhall hear, (*Sir,*
You'll anſwer, *and pray what can that be now, Dear Sir.*
Your *Tears* were ſo ſpent, when there was no Occaſion,
You'll want them when *Faults* ſhall require *Expia-* (*tion.*

Q. *Say, ye Conjurers of* Delphos,
Whoſe bright Sire *leſs full of Pelf was,*
'Cauſe all You their Off'rings *pay*
Duly, on each Quarter-day,
Whereas He gave Anſwers Gratis,
And that ſure a Cheaper Rate is;
Say, from whence that Adage *came,*
And the Moral of the ſame,
That if Skiddaw hath a Cap,
Scruffell wots full well of that.

A. Tho' our *Oracle* addreſt is,
By a Judgment, not the beſt is;
When thou taxeſt us of Gains,
More than *Delphos*, for our Pains,
Didſt thou never hear nor read,
How they did of old proceed;
How Petition was reſented,
Did not Gold or Gems prevent it.
How the *Prieſteſs* wou'd not render
Anſwers, if no Fees you'd ſend her;
Nay, for Gold wou'd nothing tell ye,
'Till you'd alſo cram'd Her Belly,
From whence, when the Fumes aſcended,
Frightful Viſions they pretended,
And foretold, to gull an Aſs,
Things ſometimes ne'er came to paſs;
When five hundred Anſwers We
Give, and all for Shillings Three:
So much for Repriſals, next
We are coming to the Text.
Skiddaw is a Mountain high,
Which in *Cumberland* does lye;
Scruffell is another tall,
Rears his Head in *Anandal.*
When the firſt with Miſts is crown'd,
Rain's ſoon on the other found;

This

This the *Moral*, when a Neighbour
Under Sufferings does labour,
He that's next him, ought to fear
Like Misfortune drawing near.

Q. Nay, then I'll be hang'd
If Apollo *can Anſwer,*
Or any leaſt ſhadow
Of Reaſon advance, Sir,
Why I in the Morning
Am always in Love,
But a Glaſs ſtill at Night
Does my Paſſion remove.

A. By Fumes the God *Bacchus*
Attacks *Cupid*'s Head,
Next Lulls him to ſleep,
And then reigns in his ſtead.

Some Humorous Lines ſent us by a very Ingenious Gentleman, as the Lines themſelves evince, tho' Satyrical upon *Apollo*, will be in our *Monday's Paper*, and our Anſwer in *Wednesday's Paper*.

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SIR,

LONDON, January 13. Our Advices from Frankfort ſay, that the Dyet at Ratisbon being Informed of the great Preparations the French are making for Invading the Empire early next Spring, have conſider'd of ways and means to prevent it. Among other things 'twas propoſed to recall ſome German Troops from the Netherlands, and that the Revenues of the Dutchies of Bavaria and Mantua ſhould be applied to provide the Neceſſaries for the Operations of the next Campain, but as yet have taken no Reſolution thereupon.

We have an account from France, that there has been ſeveral Tumults in ſome Towns of that Country, occaſion'd by the Scarcity of Bread, eſpecially at Metz, where a Skirmiſh happen'd lately between the Burghers and the French Troops, in which the firſt had 2 or 3 Men kill'd, and the latter 15. But on the other hand there is a report that Bread at Toulon, Marſeilles and other adjacent Towns, is not above a Penny a Pound.

They write from Flanders, that the Treaty made at the latter end of the laſt Campain for the Exchange of Priſoners has been approved and ratified, and that the Magiſtrates of Bruſſels have by order of the States of that Country publiſh'd a Placaert for a General Pardon for thoſe Perſons that were concern'd in the delivering of Ghent and Bruges to the French.

The French give out that they will have an Army in Germany of 80 Battalions and 107 Squadrons, which is to be Commanded by the Elector of Bavaria, and that the Dauphin and the Duke of Vendoſme will Command in the Netherlands, where they pretend to have 50000 Men more next Campain than the laſt. They write from Brabant of the 3d inſt. that Interceſſions having been made with Her Majeſty in behalf of the Maſter of Burleigh Condemned to be beheaded on the 6th Inſtant at the Market Croſs for the Murder of a School-maſter, and they having been of no Effect his Relations concerted Means with him for his Eſcape, which happen'd thus, viz. The Sunday before which was the firſt of the Year, the Lady his Mother and his youngeſt Siſter came to Viſit him and he dreſs'd himſelf in the Cloathing of his Siſter and between 5 and 6 at night with a Handkerchief in his hand wiping his Tears and his Face went out of Priſon with his Mother, crying out O! my Dear Brother, &c. This Eſcape was not diſcover'd till ſome few Hours after when the Keeper of the Talbooth went to Viſit his Priſoners, and coming into the Maſters Room found only the young Lady his Siſter wrapt in his Night-gown, She own'd her Brother's Eſcape, and was ready to ſuffer any Puniſhment that they could inflict upon her, but great ſearch is made after the Maſter of Burleigh and the Goaler is threatned of loſing his Place. Which is all from Yours, &c.

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